



# CHRIST OVERFLOWING

## Christ is the Head of the Church

*Colossians 1:18-20*

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1. Read Romans 12:4-8. How do those verses compare with Colossians 1:18? Do you believe there is a correlation between us being members of the body of Christ and him being the head? Since the word "head" means "authority," in what ways does Christ exhibit his authority over his church?
  
2. In Colossians 1:18, Christ is called "the firstborn from the dead." Read 1 Corinthians 15:20-28. How does his resurrection establish him as the authority over all? How does his resurrection benefit us?
  
3. Read Philippians 2:5-7. Since the fullness of God dwelt in Christ, what does it mean that he emptied himself without ceasing to be God?
  
4. According to Colossians 1:20, is the extent of Christ's death on the cross to reconcile only humans to God, or is there something more? How do we experience the peace of God? Why do you think God requires a blood sacrifice?

### **Colossians 1:18-20**

*18 He is also the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.  
19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,  
20 and through him to reconcile everything to himself,  
whether things on earth or things in heaven,  
by making peace  
through his blood, shed on the cross.*

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